

Distribution Unit Application, Biosecurity, and Training Requirements

Application Requirements:

You have to apply to the State Veterinarian for a license to receive, purchase, or move poultry from a production unit or another distributor.

You will get a premises identification number on your license.

To get this license, you have to:

- allow inspections and avian influenza testing of birds, equipment, conveyances, crates, and the premises. Your record keeping system can be inspected too.
- comply with regulations protecting against avian influenza.
- develop and use a written biosecurity plan outlining how to prevent the disease or its spread. *This plan must be approved by the State Veterinarian.*
- be inspected initially, randomly, and at least every quarter.
- allow the State Veterinarian access to review any records.

Biosecurity Plan Guidance:

- Explain how you will ensure clean and sanitary conditions for your vehicles, bird-holding devices, and the premises.
- Detail the cleaning and disinfecting processes to be used. How often will you clean? What disinfectants will be used? How will they be applied?
- Explain how you will use only state approved crates and conveyance washing equipment.
- You must have a process for presenting any cleaning and disinfection documentation when getting birds from production or other distribution units.
- Explain how you will clean and disinfect crates, conveyance vehicles, and equipment after visiting a live bird market before returning to a farm (the most recent cleaning and disinfection paperwork has to be kept in your conveyance vehicle).
- Tell how and where you will keep cleaning and disinfection paperwork (for all facilities, vehicles, and other equipment) for the most recent 12 months.
- Give your plan for closure, depopulation, and cleaning and disinfecting if birds in your live market system test positive for avian influenza.

Training Requirements:

- Explain your plan for training of all personnel.
- The training needs to be approved of or provided by the State Veterinarian.
- Training Certificates given by the trainer need to be kept by you in personnel files.

For assistance in Distribution Unit application requirements, development of a biosecurity plan, or employee training, contact the Office of the State Veterinarian at (804) 786-2483.

